



BICENTENNIAL

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News for the Campus Community — January 2007

University Launches Bicentennial Celebration—200 Years of Excellence

MARY SPIRO

The year 2007 marks the beginning of the University’s bicentennial celebration. The bicentennial commemorates the creation in 1807 of the first public medical college in the United States. Five short years later, in 1812, the Maryland General Assembly rechartered the School of Medicine as the University of Maryland. The University was charged with annexing schools of law, arts and sciences, and divinity (the divinity school never developed, and the arts and sciences school was relatively short-lived). The University is the founding campus of what is today the 13-institution University System of Maryland.

“For 200 years, the University has been dedicated to providing excellence in education, research, patient care, and public service to improve the health and welfare of Marylanders. The five-year celebration will provide opportunities to showcase the many ways that our mission, carried out through each of our seven professional schools, will transform the future,” says David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, University president. “This bicentennial celebration also will advance the University’s position as a leading institution of higher education.”

A bicentennial exhibit on display in the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis throughout this year illustrates many of the University’s “first-of-a-kind” accomplishments and contributions. The exhibit includes a video and a timeline of events in the University’s history. Bicentennial banners have been placed throughout the campus and elsewhere in Baltimore.

The bicentennial celebrates not only the University’s origins but also its contributions to the state’s economy, says T. Sue Gladhill, MSW, the University’s vice president of external affairs. “There is a return of more than \$16.50 in economic activity for each \$1 of state general funds invested in the University,” Gladhill says.

“In addition,” Gladhill states, “the new UMB BioPark accelerates commercialization of biomedical technologies to advance discoveries



From left: University President David J. Ramsay, former School of Medicine Dean Donald E. Wilson, actor Alan Wade (portraying medical school founder John Beale Davidge), and E. Albert Reece, the School of Medicine’s current dean, cut a birthday cake shaped like historic Davidge Hall during the recent kickoff celebration of the School’s bicentennial events.

from ‘the bench to the bedside.’” Gladhill also notes that more than two-thirds of the University’s revenues are generated through research and patient care. To help celebrate the bicentennial, the University is publishing *UMB Cooks*, a collection of recipes from faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of the University. The cookbook will go on sale in April, and proceeds will benefit the Presidential Scholarship Fund. *UMB Cooks* can be ordered on the University’s Web site, www.umb.edu, or by calling Sarah Wise in the Office of University Events at 6-8035.

A LOOK BACK THROUGH HISTORY

For a timeline and photos from the University’s history, see page 3.

David A. Knapp to Step Down as School of Pharmacy Dean



David A. Knapp

JEFFREY RAYMOND

David A. Knapp, PhD, professor and dean of the School of Pharmacy, has announced his retirement as dean, effective June 30. Knapp is stepping down after what will be an 18-year tenure as head of the top 10 nationally ranked

School. He will take a one-year sabbatical. Knapp is nationally known for his studies of the pharmacy work force, the quality and economy of drug use and pharmacy services, and pharmaceutical education. He founded the University’s Center on Drugs and Public Policy in 1988. Under Knapp’s leadership, the School of Pharmacy was among the nation’s first schools to establish a four-year professional Doctor of Pharmacy program and a major academically based pharmacy residency program. During his tenure, the School expanded its research programs with the establishment of centers on computer-aided drug design, nanomedicine and cellular drug delivery, and drugs and the elderly. The School’s faculty, professional and graduate student enrollments, clinical and public service programs, extramural funding, and facilities have grown significantly during Knapp’s administration. In a report issued last year by a team from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, Knapp is praised as

“a nationally recognized leader,” and the School of Pharmacy is heralded for receiving “national attention for its progress in professional education, its service to the community, and its research and scholarship.” In an announcement to the campus community, University President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, said of Knapp, “Under his dedicated leadership, and despite the challenges of inadequate space and budget, our School of Pharmacy has become widely recognized as one of the very best in the United States.” A bench in Leavitt Garden outside of Pharmacy Hall was recently dedicated to Knapp during the School’s first Leadership Fair. John Watts, president of the University Student Government Association and a fourth-year School of Pharmacy student, praised Knapp for expanding pharmacy programs and advocating for an addition to Pharmacy Hall. Knapp has been elected to fellowship in the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical

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A Message From the President



STEPHEN SPARTANA

David J. Ramsay

“A contemporary show richly steeped in history.” Francis Hodgson writing in a recent issue of the *Financial Times* was describing a photography exhibit at the Barbican in London. But as I read his words, I could not help but reflect on how well they also fit the University of Maryland, Baltimore as we begin the year 2007.

“Steeped in history,” that we are! Our “College of Medicine of Maryland” was established by action of the Maryland General Assembly at this very location in West Baltimore 200 years ago, only 10 years after the city of Baltimore was incorporated. Our law school has its roots in the 1812 rechartering of the medical school as the University of Maryland with authority to offer programs in a wide variety of disciplines. Our dental school—the oldest in the world—and our pharmacy school were both established in the 1840s, antedating the Civil War and the founding of the College Park campus.

Nursing dates from the Victorian era, being established in 1889 by Louisa Parsons, who had been trained at Florence Nightingale’s nursing school in London. Social work, a relative newcomer dating from 1961, and public health, our newest school, have long-time roots and close relationships with their sister schools. As we look forward to a celebration of our bicentennial, we cannot help but reflect on how much the past has influenced what we have become.

The University of Maryland, Baltimore in 2007 is a very “contemporary show”—indeed a showcase—for what a modern academic health, law, and social work university should be. Growth and change are everywhere on campus, but our historical mission of excellence in research, teaching, service, and clinical care remains paramount. From my office in Davidge Hall, I can observe (and hear) progress on the new \$350 million ambulatory care center that our partner, the University of Maryland Medical System, is constructing. When fully functioning, it will provide state-of-the art facilities for our faculty physicians to see patients and to provide clinical education for our medical students, both undergraduates and residents.

Just across from Davidge, near the intersection of Lombard and Greene streets and next to the Health Sciences and Human Services Library, we have begun work on our long-awaited campus center. In my 13 years at the University, as we built classroom buildings and research facilities, I was concerned about how poorly served our students were, compared to other campuses, for a place for social, recreational, and other co-curricular activities to round out their education. It is gratifying that in this, our bicentennial year, we are finally able to begin remedying that deficiency.

Is the University of Maryland, Baltimore a contemporary show steeped in history? With more than \$380 million in sponsored research in Fiscal Year 2006, with a highly talented and diverse faculty, staff, and student body that rank among the very best in the country, with cutting-edge programs across the disciplines, and with a campus committed to serving others, I’d say we are. Welcome to the New Year.

David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil
President

Knapp to Retire as Dean

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Education, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Pharmacists Association, the American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and the American Public Health Association. He has served as president of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.
Knapp earned a bachelor’s degree in pharmacy in 1960, a master’s two years later, and a doctorate in pharmacy administration in 1965, all from Purdue University. He began his academic career in 1964 at The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy, where he earned tenure and was promoted to associate professor in 1967. After a sabbatical year at the University of Michigan School of

Public Health, he joined the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in 1971. He chaired two departments and served as associate dean of research before being appointed acting dean in 1989 and dean in 1991.
“I have been discussing the timing of my retirement from the deanship with President Ramsay over the past several months,” Knapp said in a letter to faculty. “We agreed there is no ‘best’ time because the School is always in the midst of major initiatives.”
Ramsay has appointed E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, vice president for medical affairs, University of Maryland, and dean of the School of Medicine, to lead the search committee to find a successor for Knapp.

Charity Campaign Exceeds Goal

Hundreds of Thousands in Pledge Dollars Donated

JOANN FAGAN

The University exceeded its goal for participation in the statewide Maryland Charity Campaign (MCC) in 2006 by surpassing the previous year’s pledge total by about \$40,000. Employees and retirees have offered contributions of approximately \$460,000 to support the hundreds of charities that benefit from the program.
At the yearly thank-you breakfast for contributors, held Nov. 30 at Westminster Hall, University President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, said the University is always a strong supporter of MCC “because this campus knows firsthand how necessary this campaign is for many of our poorest citizens.” Ramsay also thanked

Dave DeLooze, assistant director of operations and maintenance, and chair of the University’s MCC effort, for his “unflagging dedication to the Maryland Charity Campaign.”
Kelly Perry, manager of the statewide MCC program in 2006, said the University has contributed more than \$3 million to MCC since 1999. State officials at the breakfast applauded the generosity of faculty and staff.
The Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards; Baltimore Ravens; Berkshire Marriott Conference Hotel; Center Stage; Days Inn Inner Harbor; Four Points by Sheraton; Holiday Inn Baltimore—Inner Harbor; Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore Hotel; Squires Restaurant; Travel-On, Ltd.; and Wyndham Baltimore—Inner Harbor, contributed door prizes for the breakfast.



JENNILYN MAULDER

Hala Azzam (second from left) is recognized as the 1,000th e-Learning user. With Azzam, from left: Buzz Merrick; Patricia Langenberg, a vice chair in the School of Medicine; and Elaine Gill, director of Human Resource Services.

Hala Azzam Is 1,000th User of e-Learning@UMB Program

Hala Azzam, PhD, MPH, assistant professor in the International Health Division of the School of Medicine’s Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, was recognized recently as the 1,000th enrollee in the e-Learning@UMB online training and professional development program. Azzam received several gifts, including \$50 on her UMB One card and a one-year membership at the athletic center.
“I have a Web site I use for my work in global public health and I wanted to know how to manage it,” Azzam says of her e-Learning instruction. “I learned about HTML and lots of things about the ‘behind the scenes’ aspects of Web sites.”
The e-Learning@UMB program will also recognize the user who completes the 1,000th course.

More than 2,200 courses and simulations on computer and business skills are available at no charge to faculty and staff through e-Learning@UMB. The 1,000th-user milestones are indications of the

success of the program, which began in April 2005, says Buzz Merrick, manager of e-Learning@UMB.
“Faculty and staff have found e-Learning@UMB courses and simulations to be effective in increasing their job skills,” Merrick says.
To complement the e-Learning curriculum, Human Resource Services has introduced Blended Learning Workshops, which combine instructor-led training with e-Learning@UMB material. Workshop topics are based on surveys of faculty and staff training history and business-skill needs. “We are creating partnerships for learning throughout the campus,” Merrick says.
Staff can enroll in e-Learning@UMB with approval from their supervisors. More information, including registration forms and course descriptions, is available at www.hr.umaryland.edu/e-Learning. Questions can be directed to Merrick at 6-1246 or bmerrick@af.umaryland.edu.

Campus Safety Phone Numbers

Emergency	711	Crime Statistics and Safety Tips	6-COPS (2677)
Information and Escort	6-6882		
Turnaround 24-Hour Hotline (sexual assault/domestic violence)	410-828-6390		

Highlights of the University’s History

1807
College of Medicine of Maryland founded.

1812
Maryland General Assembly charter bestows “University of Maryland” name, incorporating College of Medicine and faculties of law, divinity, and arts and sciences—the founding campus of today’s University System of Maryland.

1840
Baltimore College of Dental Surgery established.

1841
Maryland College of Pharmacy established.

1889
School of Nursing established.

1907
University celebrates 100th anniversary with parades, banquets, and tours.

1918
Graduate School opens, enhancing research, scholarship, and study between the professional schools.

1961
School of Social Work founded.

1972
Maryland Poison Center opens as service of School of Pharmacy.

1997
Davidge Hall designated a National Historic Landmark.

1998
Health Sciences and Human Services Library founded.

2000
University of Maryland Baltimore Foundation, Inc., created.

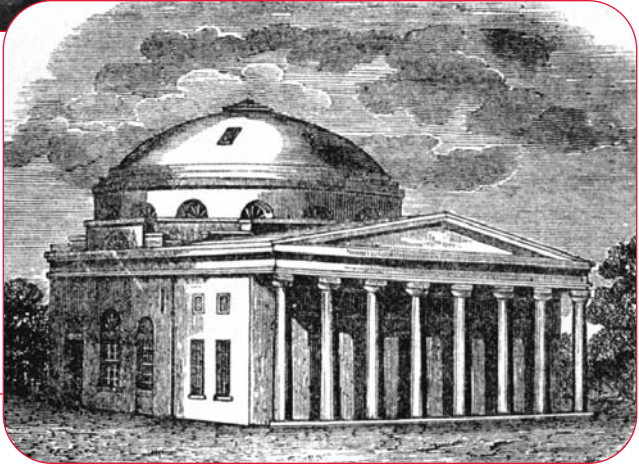
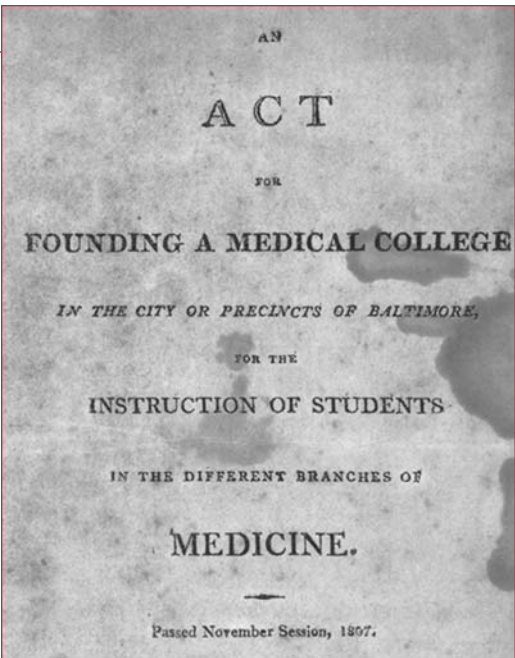
2005
Building One of UMB BioPark opens.

2006
World’s most advanced Dental School building is completed.

University System of Maryland Board of Regents approves School of Public Health.

2008
Campus center to open.

2010
Pharmacy Hall addition to open.



UMB IN THE NEWS

Several Web sites posted articles recently about engineering tests being conducted by **Howard Strassler, DMD**, professor at the **Dental School**, on dental composites containing glass fibers. Strassler said the tests will provide a “much better understanding of how (these) products actually perform as part of a restoration, crown, or bridge.”

Media outlets including Baltimore newspapers *The Daily Record* and *The Examiner* reported recently on a class action suit being worked on by law clinic students. The suit charges that Maryland violates the rights of the poor by failing to provide a tax-funded lawyer at bail hearings. “When we have a system like the one in Baltimore, it calls out for immediate change,” said **Douglas Colbert, JD**, professor at the **School of Law**.

Ronald Wade, director of the Anatomical Services Division at the **School of Medicine**, told Baltimore television station WBFF that the 200-year-old mummified corpse of a child nearly auctioned on eBay by a Michigan resident likely belongs in a 500-piece collection owned by the School. “I think it should be with the rest of the collection as a specimen,” Wade said.

Recent incidents of spinach tainted with *E. coli* revealed a potent strain of the bacteria that can sicken and kill with as few as five to 10 organisms. **J. Glenn Morris Jr., MD, MPH&TM**, professor and chair of the **School of Medicine’s Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine**, and interim dean of the **School of Public Health**, told Baltimore television station WJZ that “once the organism which carries the toxin sets up housekeeping, there is not much we can do medically. So the focus has to be on prevention.”

Patricia Morton, PhD, RN, CRNP, FAAN, interim associate dean for academic affairs and director of the Doctor of Nursing Practice program at the **School of Nursing**, is quoted in a recent *Future Nurse Magazine* report on salaries, benefits, and job security for nursing school graduates. “The priority isn’t salary; it’s to find a career challenge, a job that matches your interests either inside or outside the hospital setting,” Morton said.

When generic drug maker Perrigo Co. recalled 11 million bottles of the over-the-counter painkiller acetaminophen after finding metal fragments in some batches, **Bruce Anderson, PharmD**, associate professor at the **School of Pharmacy** and director of the **Maryland Poison Center**, told Baltimore television station WBAL, “I think this is unusual because of the large number of bottles that could potentially be affected, so it is a rather large recall.”

In response to reports that teens in Carroll County are participating in sex parties, **Gisele Ferretto, MSW, LCSW-C**, clinical instructor at the **School of Social Work**, gave parents tips on talking with their children about sex during an interview on Baltimore television station WBAL.

LAURELS

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

You and Your Arrhythmia: A Guide to Heart Rhythm Problems for Patients and Their Families, a book by **John Kastor, MD**, professor of medicine, has been published by Jones and Bartlett Publishers.

Stephen Reich, MD, professor of neurology and co-director of the Maryland Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorders Center at the University of Maryland Medical Center, has received the Buddy Award for Enduring Spirit from the Parkinson’s Action Network. The award, presented during the network’s annual Udall Awards Dinner this fall, honors a person who has helped better humankind through his or her work, family life, and charitable endeavors.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Erika Friedmann, PhD, professor in the Department of Organizational Systems & Adult Health, presented “Cardiovascular Benefits of Animal Assisted Therapy” at the recent European Society for Animal Assisted Therapy’s third annual international symposium in Vienna, Austria. Also, in October, Friedmann presented “Friendly Dogs as Potential Moderators of Cardiovascular Response to Speech in Older Hypertensives” and “Quality of Life, Social Support, and Pet Ownership Among Patients With Heart Failure” at the International Society for Anthrozoology’s annual meeting in Barcelona, Spain.

Jeffrey Johnson, PhD, and **Jane Lipscomb, PhD, RN, FAAN**, both professors in the Department of Family & Community Health, co-wrote the article “Long Working Hours, Occupational Health and the Changing Nature of Work Organization” in the *American Journal of Industrial Medicine*.

Debra Scrandis, PhD, RN, CRNP, assistant professor in the Department of Family & Community Health, wrote the article “Home Health Clinicians Can Find and Help Women With Postpartum Depression” in *Home Healthcare Nurse*, the journal of the Home Healthcare Nurses Association.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Doctor of Pharmacy students **Bryan Alexander** and **Lisa Deal** won the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists’ local 2006 clinical skills competition. Alexander and Deal also represented the School at the national clinical skills competition in Anaheim, Calif., in December.

“One Size Fits Most: Tailoring Enterprise and Distributed Data Sources to Meet the Needs of a Professional School,” a proposal written by **Tim Munn**, director, computer and network services, and **Shannon Tucker**, Web manager, has been accepted for presentation at the 2007 EDUCAUSE Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference in Baltimore, Jan. 17-19.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

“Compassion Fatigue, Burnout, and Compassion Satisfaction: Implications for Retention of Workers,” a commentary by **Diane DePanfilis, PhD, MSW**, associate dean for research, associate professor, and co-director of the Center for Families, was published in *Child Abuse & Neglect: The International Journal*.

Chalk, Guy Named Employees of the Month

JOANN FAGAN

Lisa Calvert Chalk and Jennifer Guy are the University’s most recent Employee of the Month honorees.

Chalk, operations manager at the School of Pharmacy, was named the Employee of the Month in October. She began working at the School in 1992. After leaving for a two-year stint at the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute’s Center of Marine Biotechnology, Chalk returned to the pharmacy school in 1998. She manages office operations for the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Sciences, and special projects for the department chair and the dean’s office.

Chalk is praised for her project management and logistical support skills. “Lisa has always been able to solve any problem that I have needed assistance with,” says Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner, PharmD, BCPS, CDE, chair of the School of Pharmacy’s Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science. “She is there for the students, faculty, staff. You name them, she has probably helped them.”

Chalk says she likes being able to use her problem-solving skills. “I achieve my goal of contributing to the department and to the School by creating solutions to unique problems,” she says.

Jennifer Guy, academic coordinator for neuroscience instruction in the School of Medicine’s life sciences graduate program, was November’s Employee of the Month. Guy’s duties include responding to inquiries from potential applicants; maintaining a large applicant database; advising students; coordinating seminars, professor rounds, and journal clubs; and providing support to coursemasters.

Thomas McHugh, program manager in the life sciences graduate program, says that when PhD programs in the School of Medicine were restructured in July 2005, Guy took over the administrative reins for neuroscience. “Since day one, Jennifer has worked diligently and efficiently to ensure the success of this program, and is always willing to ‘go the extra mile,’” McHugh says.

“Last summer,” McHugh adds, “Jennifer rearranged her schedule to spend several hours accompanying a new student around the city and suburbs to assist her in finding housing.”

“I really enjoy serving as the liaison for the faculty, staff, students, and prospective students in the neuroscience program,” Guy says. “I also like the fact that I am able to help others by using the knowledge that I’ve gained about the University and Baltimore.”



JENNILYN MAULIER



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Top (from left): Lisa Calvert Chalk, University President David J. Ramsay, and School of Pharmacy Dean David A. Knapp. Bottom: Jennifer Guy and Ramsay.

Help Recognize a Job Well-done

Employees, faculty, students, and University visitors are invited to submit nominations for Employee of the Month, as well as community service awards. Information and nomination forms are available at www.hr.umaryland.edu/main/forms_word.htm or by calling Sheila Greenwood at 6-7302.

Dental Supplies, Other Items Sent to Iraq

JEFFREY RAYMOND

When Bob Strahl, DDS, MS, a volunteer adjunct professor at the Dental School, was sending donations to the USO (United Service Organizations) to support American troops in Iraq a couple of years ago, he longed for a more direct way to get involved.

He wanted to find a Maryland National Guard platoon leader in Iraq who could accept his donations and distribute them to the soldiers. The USO does not reveal names or mailing addresses of service members in the field, but Strahl’s search led him to the mother of one such platoon leader. He mailed his first box of materials early last year, and quickly found his efforts making a difference to the men and women serving in Iraq.

“You could tell this just meant so much to them,” says Strahl.

He created A Taste of Home, Inc., with the mission to perform “acts of kindness for Maryland’s sons and daughters in harm’s way.” Strahl registered the group as a charity and runs it in a nonpolitical, nonpartisan manner.

Strahl solicited support for the project through his professional organization, the Maryland State Dental Association. He found a staff member whose husband was serving overseas with the Maryland National Guard, and she helped expand the project. Then he approached colleagues at the Dental School and located Eleanor Henry, PhD, the dean’s associate for special projects, who is retired from the military.

With a nephew serving in Iraq, Henry had an immediate appreciation for A Taste of Home’s work. She and Tareq Haddad, president of the Dental School’s chapter of the American Student Dental Association, built support for the organization, and in November, more than a dozen students gathered at the Dental School to assemble “smile kits” containing toothbrushes, sugarless candy, and other items for troops to distribute to Iraqi children.

Ed Ballard, the University’s director of public safety and a general in the Maryland National Guard, is leading a unit in Afghanistan and is handing out smile kits there as well.

For more information about A Taste of Home, visit www.ATasteOfHome.org.

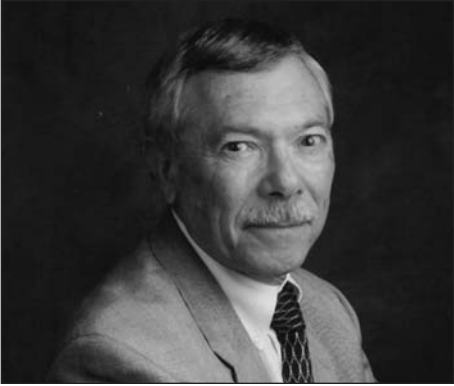


Edgar Radjabi and other dental students assemble “smile kits” to send to Iraq.

Phone Messages Now Available as E-mail

The University’s new voice mail system makes it possible to receive telephone messages through e-mail. Computers must have audio capability to use the unified messaging service, and a registration form must be completed at www.umaryland.edu/cits/forms/unified_messaging.html.

For more information, call the HelpDesk at 6-4357.



David Roffman and Ilene Zuckerman

New Pharmacy Associate Deans Named

David Roffman, PharmD, has been named the associate dean for academic affairs at the School of Pharmacy, and Ilene Zuckerman, PharmD, PhD, is now the associate dean for research and graduate education.

Roffman, a professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, has been a faculty member since 1973. He has received several Teacher of the Year awards from both faculty and students, and was one of the first two faculty members to be named a Dean’s Distinguished Educator.

Zuckerman is an associate professor in the Pharmaceutical Health Services Research Department, director of medication appropriateness studies at the School’s Peter Lamy Center for Drug Therapy and Aging, and founder and executive director of the School’s pharmaceutical research computing center.

Wendy Cohan, MPA, is now the School’s administrator and comptroller. Previously the functional director of eUMB Enterprise Systems, Cohan works with the School’s senior leadership and financial managers to provide oversight of financial operations.

Inclement Weather Information

The fastest way to obtain the most accurate information regarding the status of the University during inclement weather is to call 410-706-8622 or visit the Campus Alerts page of the University’s Web site at www.umaryland.edu/alerts.

Radio and television stations in the Baltimore and Washington, D.C., areas are also notified when the University is closed or is opening late.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Arc of Baltimore Applauds University Hiring Practices

The University was honored recently by The Arc of Baltimore, a support organization for the developmentally disabled, during the group’s inaugural Employers of Distinction Recognition Breakfast.

Vassie Hollamon, the University’s associate director of operations and maintenance, accepted an award from The Arc of Baltimore for the University’s hiring of people with development disabilities. Hollamon also delivered the keynote address at the Oct. 19 breakfast, held at the Holiday Inn Select in Timonium.

“It was our hope to honor companies that have demonstrated in very individual ways that employing people with developmental disabilities has contributed to their company’s success,” says Stephen Morgan, executive director of The Arc of Baltimore. “The University of Maryland, Baltimore deserves to be recognized for committing the time and resources needed to enable this success, boosting the self-esteem of the individual employees, and setting the example for the entire business community.”

Nursing School Receives \$1 Million Grant From MedStar Health

The School of Nursing has received a five-year, \$1 million grant from MedStar Health, the largest hospital system in the Baltimore and Washington, D.C., areas. Initial funding from the grant is earmarked to support the Governor’s Wellmobile Program, which is managed by the School of Nursing.

Wellmobile vans offer primary health care services to the underserved and uninsured throughout Maryland, while providing students experience in a community-health setting.

Steven Cohen, FACHE, senior vice president of integrated operations at MedStar Health, and chair of the School of Nursing’s

Board of Visitors, says MedStar Health recognizes the need to address health disparities in underserved communities. “We also value the vital role that the School of Nursing plays in educating future nurses who will provide direct patient care to residents throughout the region,” Cohen says.

The School of Nursing and MedStar Health also plan joint activities to support the School’s environmental health, clinical research management, and nursing informatics programs, as well as facilitate clinical training for nursing students at MedStar hospitals, and encourage MedStar industry partners to explore opportunities with the School.

“We are very excited about this new partnership with MedStar Health,” says Janet D. Allan, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN, dean of the School of Nursing. “As a health care organization, they understand and are willing to invest in quality health care for all members of our society, as well as optimal educational opportunities for the next generation of nurses.”

“Good News About Baltimore” Presented

The Baltimore Albert Schweitzer Fellows Program, a joint program of the University of Maryland, Baltimore and Johns Hopkins Medicine, held a recent symposium on positive developments in Baltimore.

The Nov. 16 “Good News About Baltimore” symposium addressed changes that presenters said are making Baltimore a better place. The keynote address during the event, which took place in the School of Nursing auditorium, was delivered by Laura Gillis, president of Baltimore Homeless Services, Inc., who previewed a 10-year plan to eradicate homelessness in the city.

The symposium also included a panel discussion with representatives of the University of Maryland R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Violence Intervention

Program, Dunbar High School Tutoring Program, Main Street Initiative of Southwest Baltimore, Open Society Institute, and Rose Street Community Center.

School of Nursing Honored for Simulation Education

Laerdal Medical, an international manufacturer of medical devices including patient simulators, has named the School of Nursing a Center of Excellence in Simulation Education. Tore Laerdal, president of Laerdal Medical, presented the honor at the National League for Nursing’s Technology and Simulation Conference, held recently at the School of Nursing.

The School and Laerdal have collaborated since the 1980s to develop health care simulation and integrate it into the curriculum. The School has several computerized mannequin patients and 24 clinical simulation laboratories, more than any other nursing school in the nation.

“Our School of Nursing emphasizes the principles of leadership, partnership, and innovation,” says Janet D. Allan, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN, dean of the School. “This honor speaks to our success in addressing each of these principles through our partnership with Laerdal, our groundbreaking efforts in integrating simulation learning into the nursing curriculum, and our research in developing the evidence base for simulation education.”

New Faculty Welcomed

University President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, and his wife, Anne, hosted a reception for new faculty in the fall.

This year’s annual event took place in Davidge Hall on Nov. 29. Nearly 100 professors, associate professors, and assistant professors from throughout the University who were appointed between September 2005 and October 2006 attended.

University Advocacy Events Planned in Annapolis

University students, faculty, staff, and alumni can meet members of the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis and participate in advocacy events on the following dates during the legislature’s 2007 session:

- Jan. 22: School of Law legislative alumni reception
- Jan. 23: Maryland Nurses Association briefing and reception
- Jan. 24: University System of Maryland Student Research Day
- Jan. 30: School of Medicine bicentennial events
- Jan. 31: Maryland State Dental Association Dental Day
- Feb. 15: Maryland Pharmacy Coalition Pharmacy Day
- March 1: National Association of Social Workers Social Work Day

For more information, visit www.oea.umaryland.edu/gov or call the Office of Government and Community Affairs at 410-269-5087.

Annapolis Courier Service Available

A one-way courier service from the University’s Office of Government and Community Affairs in Annapolis to the Baltimore campus will operate during the 2007 session of the Maryland General Assembly. The service runs until April 12. Although subject to change, mail is usually picked up from 44 West St., Annapolis, at 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and delivered to the University’s mailroom by 1:45 p.m.

For more information, contact Diane Lopez in the Office of External Affairs at 410-269-5087 or dlopez@umaryland.edu.

CALENDAR

Jan. 30: "Lung Vascular Barrier Regulation: Sphingolipids and the Endothelial Cytoskeleton," a seminar on translational research in molecular pathology. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Health Sciences Facility II auditorium.

Feb. 26: Diabetes lecture, part of Enduring Power of Leadership, a School of Medicine bicentennial lecture series. Speakers include singer Patti LaBelle; E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, vice president for medical affairs, University of Maryland, and dean of the School of Medicine; and Alan Shuldiner, MD, professor of medicine and head of the School of Medicine's Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Nutrition. 7-9 p.m. (reception 5:30-6:45 p.m.), Hippodrome Theatre, free tickets are available by sending an e-mail to 2007@som.umaryland.edu.

March 2: "Institute for Maternal and Child Health Leadership: Traction for Change," presented by the School of Nursing. 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., School of Nursing auditorium, \$30. For more information, visit www.nursing.umaryland.edu/events or call 6-3767.

March 8: Angela Brodie, PhD, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Distinguished Lecturer, presents her work on the cancer therapy aromatase inhibitors. Brodie is a professor of pharmacology and experimental therapeutics at the School of Medicine. 4 p.m. (reception follows), School of Nursing auditorium, free, 1.5 nursing contact CEUs are available for \$30.

Celebrate MLK, Black History Month

The University will mark the birthday of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. and celebrate the culture and achievements of African Americans during Black History Month in early February.

Visit the University's Web site, www.umaryland.edu, for information as it becomes available.

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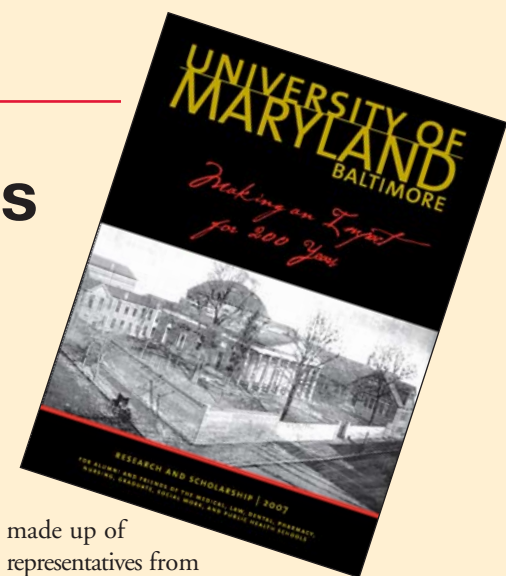
Maryland Magazine Celebrates 200 Years of Innovation

The year 2007 marks the 200th anniversary of the opening of the School of Medicine and the establishment of the University of Maryland. This year's issue of *Maryland* magazine, now available through the Office of External Affairs, explores the early years of the professional and graduate schools that make up the dynamic University of Maryland, Baltimore campus.

Along with a 13-page article on the development of each school, the full-color magazine features a foldout timeline highlighting the milestones at the University, one

of Baltimore's oldest educational institutions. The annual research and development magazine also includes articles on lifesaving medical techniques and innovations, along with updates on the new Dental School building, the UMB BioPark, and University leadership.

Maryland magazine is published annually by the Communications Office in the Office of External Affairs and distributed to more than 60,000 alumni, donors, legislators, and friends of the University. The magazine's editorial review board is



made up of representatives from throughout the University. For copies of the magazine, contact the Office of External Affairs at 6-7820 or mmagazine@umaryland.edu. It can also be viewed online at www.oea.umaryland.edu/communications/magazine.



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A Feast for the Homeless

University students and faculty serve food to homeless people on Thanksgiving during the Project Feast turkey dinner, sponsored by the University, the University Student Government Association, the Medical Alumni Association, and the School of Medicine Student Council. More than 400 people attended the 17th annual meal, held at the Booker T. Washington Middle School in Baltimore.

Career Day 2006

Ronald Wade, director of the School of Medicine's Anatomical Services Division, shows part of a preserved, bisected human head to students from the Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy. The students of the West Baltimore high school, which recently moved to Poppleton near the UMB BioPark, were on campus in the fall for a career day presented by the Office of External Affairs. University faculty, staff, and students made presentations about various careers and related coursework.



BRIAN STURDIVANT

Lunchtime Series on Social Work Research Open to All

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The School of Social Work is presenting a brown-bag-lunch discussion series throughout the academic year on research projects and findings, with a focus on innovative approaches to social problems. The series is open to anyone at the University who is interested in social service and human service research.

"The goal is to bring people together to look at the most advanced research, to enjoy a discussion, and to encourage interdisciplinary projects," says Bruce DeForge, PhD, an associate professor at the School. DeForge and Diane DePanfilis, PhD, associate professor and associate dean for research, organize the lunch series.

Subjects have included prevention of child abuse and neglect through home visits by nurses, and a preview of the 2007 Society

for Social Work and Research annual conference. School of Social Work Dean Richard P. Barth, PhD, MSW, kicked off the series with "Creaming and Souring: Maltreatment Reports Following Maternal Drug Treatment," a presentation on repeat abuse of children in the child welfare system by parents who are substance abusers.

Barth's talk was based on his research study that appeared recently in the *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*. "Next to poverty, substance abuse is considered the most central reason for child welfare services involvement," Barth said. The dean's analysis of national survey data explored whether substance abuse treatment for caregivers reduces the risk of subsequent child mistreatment.

For information on upcoming programs in the discussion series, call DeForge at 6-5612.

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